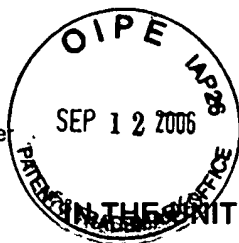


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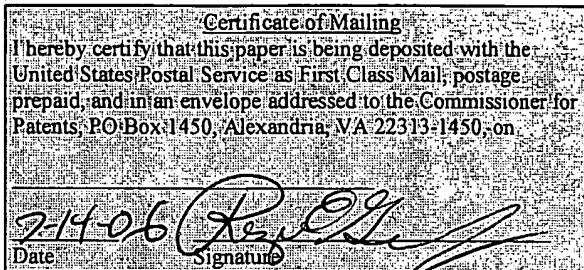
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a substitute Declaration. Also enclosed are a Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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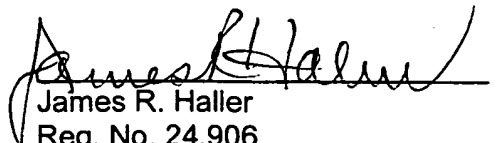
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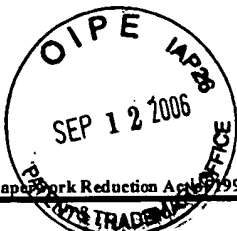
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**Process for the Preparation of Aryl-Piridyl Compounds**

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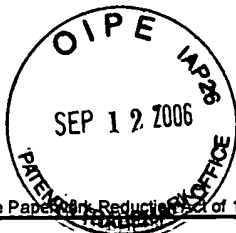
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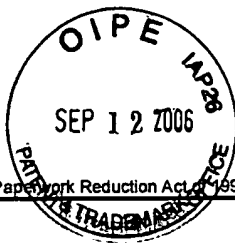


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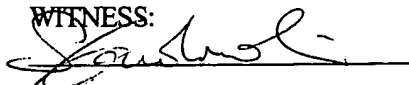
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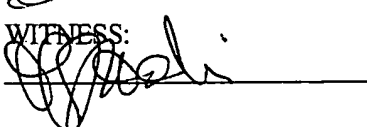
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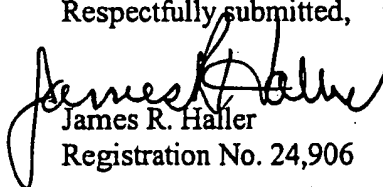
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The undersigned requests this correction be made of record as soon as possible.

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